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M. P. ROBINSON ENDS HIS LIFE IN DEEP DISTRESS

Note Left to Sons Shows Acute Insomnia Had Driven Him to Deed

ADMIRING AND RESPECTED, HIS DEATH GENERAL SHOCK

Long Life of Business Achievement Had Also Been Filled With Usefulness and Quiet Benevolence — His Home Happy and Leisure Hours Spent Amid Beloved Books

Leaving a brief note to his sons clearly indicating that suffering from acute insomnia had temporarily changed his mind, Mark P. Robinson, one of the best-known bankers and capitalists in the territory, took his own life at an early hour this morning at his residence, 2211 Nuuanu avenue.

After losing rest and sleep for weeks, he left the house sometime before 5 o'clock this morning and walked a few steps into the rear lot. There, under the spreading branches of a large bread-fruit tree 100 feet from the house, he shot himself with a 32-caliber Colt's revolver. The bullet passed into his left breast directly under the heart. The single shot was sufficient.

When members of the family came downstairs a short time later, they found a short note pencilled on a sheet of yellow paper, addressed to the three sons and notifying them where his body was to be found. Hurrying into the rear lot, they found their father lying under the tree with life extinct. A physician was called but could do nothing.

The note says in effect that from lack of rest and sleep he was impelled to end his life and that his reason could no longer withstand the ravages of insomnia. His only request in the note is that his body shall be cremated as soon as possible and the ashes buried under the tree where the body was lying.

Seated in his spacious library, surrounded by thousands of books which represent probably the most valuable collection in the Hawaiian islands, Mr. Robinson talked with his sons between 10 and 11 o'clock last night. He complained of suffering from lack of sleep, but gave them no intimation of an intention to end his life. He had returned from business late yesterday afternoon and left the house for the city early in the evening saying that he intended to attend a meeting of the Masonic lodge to which he belonged, Hawaiian Lodge No. 21.

At the lodge meeting, one feature of which was a dinner, he appeared to be perfectly well and his intimate friends saw no indication to alarm them.

He remained at lodge meeting some hours, reaching the home on Nuuanu avenue a little after 10 o'clock. The sons, J. L. P., Marcus R. and Allen C. Robinson were home at that time. They were invited to come into the large library that adjoins the sleeping apartment of Mr. Robinson. Father and sons sat there for some minutes discussing topics of the day. At no time did the parent give out the slightest hint of his intention to take his life.

Needed Rest and Sleep.
It was said this morning that Mr. Robinson had been ailing for a number of months. He had complained of feeling the effects of a loss of rest and sleep. The trouble, however, did not prevent him from taking an active part in affairs connected with his extensive business interests.

"We had repeatedly urged that father take a vacation and seek rest and recreation," said a member of the family today. "He always said that he did not want to leave his affairs without personal supervision."

Members of the family can account in no other way for the act of their father than that it was due to acute insomnia. Business troubles and worries were never brought into the family circle, they say, and in any event his business career has been notably successful.

Happy Home Life.
He loved his home and his books. Much of his time when away from business was spent in his library. His home life has always been said to be peaceful and happy.

Born in the islands in 1852, Mr. Robinson has continuously resided here. He accumulated valuable holdings in a number of big business interests. In addition to being first vice-president of the National Bank of Hawaii, he was also vice-president of Oahu Sugar Company and was heavily interested in Waiuku Sugar Company and other sugar-producing estates. He was prominently identified with the Oahu Railway & Land Company. He was one of the original founders of the lumber importing firm of Allen & Robinson.

He had a long and honorable record in the local Masonic Hawaiian Blue Lodge 21, of which he was a trustee.

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BANKER WHOSE DEATH SHOCKS COMMUNITY



Mark P. Robinson

SUGAR WORKERS IN PORTO RICO STRIKE ON WAGES

Large Canefields Burn But Production May Not Be Lessened — Negotiations For Adjustment of Trouble Proceed Satisfactorily

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 2.—The chief of the Porto Rican labor bureau reports that 40,000 native sugar workers in Porto Rico are striking for an increase in wages from 50 to 75 cents per day. Adjustment of the difficulties is proceeding satisfactorily, he says.

Large cane fields have been burned but he reports that an increased production is offsetting the losses due to strike.

PROMOTION BODY HEARS THURSTON RAP THIS PAPER

Accuses Star-Bulletin of Violating Confidence in Telling of Move to Oust Wood

L. A. Thurston, as a member of the Hawaii Promotion Committee, takes vigorous exception to the fact that the Star-Bulletin has made public the news that an attempt was being made on the Promotion Committee to oust Secretary H. P. Wood.

Mr. Thurston presented a long resolution at the committee meeting this afternoon, charging the Star-Bulletin with violating the committee's confidence in telling of the movement to oust Secretary Wood. When the second edition of the Star-Bulletin went to press the resolution was still being talked over.

Mr. Thurston also denounced the Star-Bulletin editorial statements upon the resolution involving a change in secretaryship.

"We have to meet the charge of secrecy," said Mr. Thurston, "for our value to the community which we serve depends upon the confidence placed in us as a body. The public is welcome to the committee meetings, but many of the preliminary details of an investigation would be better out of the newspapers. This we asked the papers to do in regard to the proposed change of secretaryship — the Advertiser complied, the Star-Bulletin did not."

Ed. Towse said he was not prepared to vote for the resolution and added: "Although there is not a scheme to oust Mr. Wood in this committee, I feel certain that there is such in Honolulu."

Mr. Thurston declared that if such charges could be made against the Promotion Committee as appeared in the Star-Bulletin, the committee may as well resign.

The facts are that the Star-Bulletin never agreed to keep secret the movement against Wood and that at least two members of the committee felt, with the editor of this paper, that the attack being made on Wood and the efforts to get his resignation should be made known to the public.

FOR RENT OR LEASE APRIL 30
Second story of building, Merchant and Alakea; offices, single or en suite; large hall, store on Alakea street.

H. E. HENDRICK,
Merchant and Alakea Sts.

A. S. Humphreys Only Signer to Carter Protest

Cablegram to Star-Bulletin Says He Is Man Who Sent Criticism

The Star-Bulletin yesterday cabled to its correspondent in Washington asking him to secure and cable back the names of those signing the protest to the war department against General W. H. Carter.

Today the Washington correspondent of this paper cabled as follows: "A. S. Humphreys only signer protest."

The protest criticized General Carter for addressing the lower house of the legislature upon the compulsory military education bill before the house. The cablegram carrying the protest, as made public, commented upon General Carter's address as "obviously inappropriate" and asked that action be taken by Secretary of War Garrison.

BOY CONFESSES MANY ROBBERIES; LOOT RECOVERED

Valuables Alleged to Have Been Stolen From Hotels and Residences Found In Home

The lair of a juvenile raffles was today discovered by Captain of Detectives McDuffie when after a search of the premises where lived a 15-year-old Porto Rican boy, a quantity of jewelry, money and other valuables worth about \$1000 was confiscated.

Living with foster parents on Hotel between Alakea and Punchbowl street, is held by the police. He is alleged by the officers to have masqueraded as a newspaper vendor. His plan of operation is said to have been to visit homes and rooming houses in the residential district, offering papers for sale.

A number of robberies in the last five months have been reported to the police. Several attempts by the police to catch the thief failed.

Mrs. Anna Ahwana, a school teacher, missed \$42 at her home following a visit from the newsboy. She called the detectives and was able to identify Lono, the lad who had been seen around the premises. When questioned he admitted the theft of the money. It was returned to the police almost intact.

Officers then searched the room occupied by Lono. They found two diamond rings and several gold rings taken from the William Bergen home some weeks ago.

They also recovered a camera belonging to a roomer at the Chinese Y. M. C. A., a number of hair ornaments taken from a resident at the Royal Hawaiian hotel, two gold watches from the Young Women's Christian Association, opera glasses from the Delmonico apartments and various articles alleged to have been removed from rooms and dwellings within a radius of a half mile of the police station.

The boy is said to have admitted thefts covering a period of six months.

92 SHIPS GO THROUGH CANAL IN FEBRUARY

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Ninety-two vessels with a tonnage of 424,608 passed through the Panama canal in February. The daily average for the four months ending February 28, was 15,000 tons. Coastwise traffic has made up 41 per cent of the total traffic since the opening of the canal to shipment. The tonnage from Europe has been 572,786.

DESECRATION OF FLAG BY MEXICANS ACCIDENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The state department has been advised by the Brazilian minister that there was no authorized desecration of the American flag in connection with the shooting of J. B. McManus and the attack on his residence.

GRAVE CHARGES AGAINST CAPTAIN OF GEN. FRISBIE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 2.—Charges of unskillfulness and neglect of duty have been made against Captain Polvin of the General Frisbie, the steamer sunk in the bay a few days ago.

NO POTASH FOR U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Efforts by the United States to obtain concessions from Germany permitting the importation of potash for fertilizer have failed.

SUBMARINE WAR BY GERMANY ON SHIPS GOES ON

Under-sea Terrors Operate Far From Bases and Strike Suddenly and Hard

LAND BATTLES TODAY UNUSUALLY BITTER

But the British Discussion of Boote Traffic Overshadows Great Conflict

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
LONDON, Eng., April 2.—The German submarine U-10 has sunk three Tyne trawling boats near Newcastle. A Norwegian bark has been torpedoed in the North Sea by the German submarine U-20. All of the crews of these vessels were saved.

DUTCH SHIP SUNK

HULL, England, April 2.—The Dutch steamer Schieland was blown up by a mine at the North sea entrance to the Humber river. One of the crew is dead and a boat with seven others is missing.

U-28 FAR FROM BASE

LISBON, Portugal, April 2.—The German submarine U-28 is operating on the Spanish coast, 700 miles from its base. It has torpedoed the South-point.

LAND BATTLES HEAVY

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—Heavy fighting is taking place in Eastern France and in Poland.

ALLIES AVIATORS RAID

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—Raids made by the Allied aviators upon German cities have resulted in considerable damage. Baden was raided, Mulheim much damaged and Nuenberg somewhat damaged by the bombs.

TURKISH STORY DENIED

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—Both the Turkish and Russian ambassadors at Rome repudiate the story that Turkey is asking the Allies for a separate peace with Russia.

FIGHTING IN MOUNTAINS

BERLIN, Germany, April 2.—The official bulletin today describes the fighting in the Carpathians, between the Russians and the Austro-German forces as unusually bitter.

GERMAN PROTEST PUBLIC

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—The German protest because of the alleged treatment England is giving officers and crews captured from German submarines has been made public here. It contains also threats of reprisal. The documents were transmitted through the United States and are published with the British reply.

BOOZE BRITISH TOPIC

LONDON, Eng., April 2.—The focus of British public discussion and opinion now is upon the question of abstention from liquor during the period of the war. At present this overshadowing every other phase of the conflict. Drastic governmental action seems certain. The public is divided between teetotal abstinence and rigid restriction of the traffic.

WILSON NAMES COMMITTEE ON AERONAUTICS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—The president today named the committee of 12 scientists appropriated for by Congress to study aeronautics with particular attention to military application. The committee is headed by Gen. George P. Scriven. The three other military men on the committee are Lieut.-col. Samuel Reber, Capt. M. L. Bristol and Constructor Holden C. Richardson. The other members are civilians.

Gen. Scriven is planning an aeronautics center at San Antonio, Tex., to be opened in June as headquarters of the first squadron. Fully organized it will have eight aeroplanes, 20 officers and 90 enlisted men. The training school will remain in San Diego.

NAVY'S DIVING EXPERTS COMING SEARCH FOR F-4 IN TUBE TODAY

Deep-Water Observing Apparatus Sent Down This Afternoon

CHAMPION DIVER WILL TRY TO REACH F-4 IN LATEST SUIT

Record-Holder Says He'll Dare Death to Reach Bottom

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—Five of the navy's most expert divers are expected to arrive in San Francisco on Monday to board the cruiser Maryland for Honolulu.

Secretary Daniels declares the divers are sure they can work in 300 feet of water. He says also that the navy department has not been informed that the F-4's engines or batteries were out of condition.

HE'LL RISK A COFFIN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 2.—S. J. Drellishak, world's champion diver, will go to the bottom of the sea after the lost F-4 in his improved diving-suit if it endangers his life.

Drellishak, now on his way here from New York to go to Honolulu, says:

"I may return from my dive in a wooden kimono, but I'll stick it out to the end."

WILL PREVENT REACTION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 2.—The five divers who are hurrying to San Francisco to take the cruiser Maryland for Honolulu are Gunner's Mates G. D. Stillson, Frank Crilly, F. C. Nielson, S. J. Drellishak and W. F. Loughman. Among the equipment to be taken to Honolulu is an air lock in which to place the man after their return to the surface, thus preventing the reaction from the great pressure of extreme depths, which causes the "bends" and other temporary physical ills.

Stillson says: "While 50 fathoms is exceedingly deep for operations on the submarine, I feel confident that the men are equal to the task."

F-4 RELIEF FUND GROWING FAST; JAPANESE ASSIST

Nipponese Residents Hold Big Meeting and Vote to Open List—Navy Relief Society, Honolulu Ad Club and Newspapers Receiving Contributions — Star-Bulletin's List Begins With "A Friend"

A Friend \$3.00

That simple contribution today opened the Star-Bulletin's list for the relief of those left dependent and needy by the F-4 disaster. Among the men and women of the various departments of this paper a subscription list has also been started and is being generally signed. The amount will be announced later.

Sympathy for the families of the men who were in the F-4 on its last dive, is widespread in Honolulu, and is not confined by any means to words of condolence. From half a dozen sources came action to raise funds for those left behind and indications are that a big sum will be raised, to be expended where it is most needed.

The men of the F-4 have not even been declared officially dead by the navy.

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S. J. Drellishak, holder of the world's record for deep-sea diving, in the improved suit which he will use on the F-4 salvage job. In the top picture Drellishak is shown climbing down into the sea from the U. S. S. Walke, off Race Point Light, Connecticut, on November 3 of last year. In the picture below he is shown after establishing the record mark of 275 feet. The suit is inflated with compressed air when the diver goes to extreme depths.

STEAMSHIP MEN OF ATLANTIC ASK WAGE INCREASES

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., April 2.—Officials of all steamship lines operating here are considering a request for an increase of pay for deck officers on the steamers. The Neptune Association of Masters and Mates, in presenting its demands for an increase, has fixed May 1 as the maximum time for an answer.

For masters \$200 a month is asked, for chiefs \$125, second mate \$100, third and others \$90. The last increase was eight years ago.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR F-4 POSTPONED

Announcement was made today by the Chamber of Commerce that the public memorial service scheduled for Sunday, April 11, has been postponed until Sunday afternoon, April 18. It was thought advisable, at a meeting of the chamber's committee on territorial affairs and Admiral Moore, to hold the memorial on a later date.

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